

Application No. 10/520,453
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 27, characterized in that said guide frame (6) has at least one contact surface (19, 20) of the guide frame (6) bearing against a corresponding contact surface (1822) of the fixing section (18), said contact surface (19, 20) of said guide frame slanting is aslant relative to the a longitudinal axis of the cassette (1).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 47, characterized in that the cassette lifting frame (4) is provided with lifting brackets (26) that are in mating engagement with hooks (28) of a lifting yoke (8), the hooks (28) being connected to an actuator (34), the actuator (34) being arranged so as to allow it to move the hooks (28) between a locking and a non-locking position.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A device in accordance with claim 4, characterized in that the hooks (28) are formed so as to prevent them from being pulled out of their engagements with the lifting brackets (26) when the cassette lifting frame (44) is placed in the lifting yoke, even if the hydraulic cylinder (34) mistakenly is operated during the lifting operation.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

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Claim 7 (New) A device for fixing elongated cargo pressure tanks (2), in particular tanks for pressurized petroleum products, in a cargo hold (14) of a ship (12), the ship having a fixing structure (18) in the cargo hold, said device comprising:

a cassette lifting frame for receiving at least two cargo pressure tanks (2) in an upright position and releasably affixing the tanks on said cassette lifting frame to form an integral, liftable cassette (1); and

a guide frame (6) for interconnecting the cargo pressure tanks of a cassette, said guide frame being movable along the elongated cargo pressure tanks (2) and being arranged to take up horizontal forces from the cargo pressure tanks (2) through abutment against the fixing structure (18) when the cargo pressure tanks are in the cargo hold (14) of the ship (12).

Claim 8 (New) A method of loading a cassette (1) of elongated cargo pressure tanks into a cargo hold (14) of a ship (12), characterized in that, during a step of lowering of the cassette (1) into the cargo hold (14), a guide frame (6) for the cassette (1) bears against a fixing structure (18) in the cargo hold (14) before a cassette lifting frame (4) bears against a floor (16) of the cargo hold.